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SUBJECT: RUDE PRAVO ON CZECH-US NORMALIZATION

1. A SEPT 16 RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE LAUDS CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S CONTRI-
BUTION TOWARD DETENTE AND TOWARD DEEPENING RELATIONS WITH THE UN,
THE WEST (ESPECIALLY AUSTRIA AND THE FRG) AND THE DEVELOPING WORLD.
NOTE IS MADE THAT GOC EFFORTS OF NORMALIZATION WITH THE US WOULD
ALSO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL "WERE THERE NOT THE DECISION OF THE
CONGRESS WHICH HAD PASSED A DISCRIMINATORY NEW TRADE ACT WHICH
OPENLY TRIES TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER
STATES."

2. COMMENT: IT ISSPURIOUS THAT IN SUCH A GENERAL INDICTMENT OF
THE TRADE ACT, REFERENCE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE ONLY TO THE
JACKSON-VANEK AMENDMENT AND NOT SPECIFICALLY TO LONG-GRAVEL. THE
SOFT-PEDDLING OF LONG-GRAVEL COULD PERHAPS BE ANOTHER INDICATION
THAT THE GOC DOES NOT WANT LONG-GRAVEL TO STAND IN WAY OF AT
LEAST MINIMAL IMPROVEMENTS IN RELATIONS WITH THE US.
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